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Sandy Crowned 23rd Best Place to Live

by Jessica Snow, Administration

This year's Money Magazine Top 100 Places to Live list is out and Sandy now claims the 23rd spot. With only two other Utah cities making the Top 100, Orem at 38th and Layton at 41st, Sandy citizens can now say that their community is considered one of the best in both Utah and the United States.

The list's placeholders went through a hefty category audit in order to win their spot in the Top 100. After a preliminary weeding-out, cities were judged on categories including Ease of Living, Health, Education, Crime Rates, Park Space and Arts and Leisure. The list not only published city names, but also gave a breakdown as to how each city ranked against the Top 100 Places' average.



Photo courtesy of Jim McClintic

This breakdown shows why Sandy made it into the top 25. For example, in the Ease of Living category, Sandy beat the Top 100 average median family income by approximately \$1,500. Sandy's auto insurance premiums are also lower, which leaves a little extra cash for home buyers who will find the median home price nearly \$16,000 below the average. In addition, home price gain is higher, coming in at 11.30 percent versus 9.26 percent.

In terms of education, Sandy surpasses the average in categories such as test scores-reading, test scores-math and students attending public/private schools. Sandy residents also have lower personal crime incidents and fewer people commuting 45 minutes or more.

With more nearby movie theaters, libraries and ski resorts, Sandy also provides a large variety of entertainment opportunities as well as earning a high score in the Leisure category. These venues teamed with Sandy's 125 clear days of weather, versus the Top 100's average of 107 days, provides the perfect chance to explore all Sandy has to offer.

Citizens are another part of the ranking criteria. Marriage rates in Sandy are above average while divorce rates are lower than average. Sandy's median age of 30.1 is about four years younger than other cities while 10 percent more residents in Sandy have completed at least some college. Sandy residents are also less likely to have cancer or cardiac problems according to the list.

For more information on how the list was created or to see the complete list of Top 100 Places to Live, visit either www.sandy.utah.gov or money.cnn.com/index.html.